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Subject: Support for HB 4795: An act to prohibit local units of government from imposing certain restrictions on.....firearms

Representatives of the House Local Government Committee:

I am contacting you to ask you to support HB 4795. HB 4795 would improve the current state firearm preemption law to ensure consistency throughout Michigan. This would be done by establishing penalties for knowing and willful violations of the state preemption statute by local governments. Additionally, HB 4795 will provide a mechanism by which individuals adversely affected by a preemption violation can recover damages.

The necessity for this particular legislation has become especially apparent over the past several weeks. Recently, the Constantine (MI) Village Council garnered substantial publicity when the council president, Pat Weiss, submitted a proposal to ban so-called "assault weapons" within the village. When notified that such a ban would be blatantly unlawful under Michigan's firearm preemption statute, city officials stated that the ban was simply intended to "serve as a message to our state Senator and Representative."

This legislation is necessary to ensure local governments are held accountable to the law. Please show your support for second amendment rights and the accountability of local governments by supporting this legislation. Please include this statement as my formal support for this bill.

Kind Regards,
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